

Bristol September 15th 1849

My dear Madam

I believe you are aware that Douglass' Narrative was translated into French by Mrs. Kate Parkes of this city (at least then resident here) and that we were able to collect sufficient money to pay for the printing of an edition in Paris. The French having had something else to do than to trouble themselves about philanthropy, (and having freed their own slaves,) the work has remained unused on Pagnere's shelves, and feeling that the property may be considered ~~more~~ at the disposal of Mrs. P. myself more than of any body else, I have proposed that we should present all the copies to the Boston Fair, ^{except such} with a number of them, as you may think desirable (say 100) ^{also} given to Douglass, for sale for the benefit of the U.S. cause. Your brother D. Weston kindly contributed 20 francs towards the expenses, and Mr. J. O. Murray undertook all the trouble of negotiating about the printing. It occurred us that the book would in time sell at the Bazaar, & realize an acceptable sum. Your being in Paris affords an easy means of getting the work to the U.S. a heavy duty would be placed on the books were they bro't to England. Hoping you might approve of our plan, & would not be indisposed to assist in it, I have obtained from Mr. Murray an order for the books (he says there are 580 copies) which I enclose. A small balance I believe remains from the original subs^{rs} which I will request Mr. Murray to pay to you instead of to me, in aid of the expense of sending the books to Boston. Perhaps Mr. A. D. Webb may have mentioned this matter to you when he was in Paris? I hope I may not be imposing any unwarrantable trouble upon you by this communication?

I believe I have to thank Miss Emma Weston ^{taking care of} for Jay's "Review of the Mexican War" sent me by Mrs. May & lately come to me thro' Chapman the London bookseller. My neighbours the Carpenters are expecting very shortly a visit from Mrs. Follen. We are happy to think that in her case at least, our jito jealousy towards Paris has absorbed so many American friends we should rejoice to see, will not be excited.

I have never been able to obtain the slightest notice from Mr. W. H. Channing of any of the applications I have made to him about

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my portrait of Channing. If common courtesy could not induce an acknowledgment of my letter, common justice should attempt to influence an author to confirm or explain a published statement the accuracy of which had been questioned. Had it been my intention to dispose of the portrait, it would have been sold long ago to the present time, owing to the description given by Mr. W. H. C. of all the existing paintings of his Uncle. My daughter is in the sole custody for the renovation of her health, otherwise she would have requested her respectful remembrance. I am, Dear Madam, Faithfully Yours
 J. B. Estlin.

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